

COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS: QUALITY SCHOOLS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD



**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

OUR VISION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We believe quality community schools are the foundation for a successful future for Oakland's students. The future we envision has all OUSD students finding joy on the path to graduation, and emerging as lifelong learners prepared for college and career.

Thank you for being part of the journey toward a brighter future.



THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

Dozens of OUSD schools are under-enrolled. In our District-run schools there are nearly 11,000 empty seats. The current cost of maintaining buildings, utilities and staff is not sustainable.

As a result, we don't have enough resources to serve our students and we have spent far more money than we've brought in.

Fixing OUSD's finances will require hard choices, but failing to fix them will be even harder. We're redesigning our budget with students front of mind, and are prepared to learn from past mistakes.

This planning opportunity is about more than being better with our money — it's how we will chart our vision for quality schools in every neighborhood. We have the opportunity to examine how resources are used, and make changes that better serve our students.

For details about the District's plan for fixing our finances, please visit www.ousd.org/fiscality.

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— Superintendent Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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Attend a Board Meeting For a schedule of upcoming meetings, visit <https://tinyurl.com/legislativecalendar>

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GETTING THERE TOGETHER

OUSD's next steps and long-term goals include four critical outcomes:

Setting, Managing & Watching the Budget

OUSD will implement a sensible timeline, balance this year's money, and plan for a responsible emergency fund.

Evenly Matching Number of High-Quality Schools to Number of Students We Serve

OUSD will identify how many schools are needed to serve the number of students we have, and ensure that every part of Oakland has quality schools and programs.

Increasing Teacher Pay

Teacher retention and compensation are among OUSD's top priorities. We will continue to advocate for more funding from the state and find a way to compensate our teachers fairly.

Increasing Our Enrollment, Increasing Our \$\$\$

OUSD receives money for every student who's enrolled and attends class every day. A plan to increase enrollment and attendance will help to combat the current decline, and inform innovative ways to keep and attract more students to the District.

A CITYWIDE PLAN FOR OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OUSD has the opportunity to become a thriving school district where all kids are prepared for college, career and community success. Opportunities within our reach include:

Quality Schools in Every Neighborhood

By reinvesting in a smaller number of schools, we will have more resources available to meet the diverse needs of our students.

A Financially Sustainable District

Financial stability is the first step toward achieving high-quality schools across Oakland. It will help the District to better serve the whole child, eliminate inequity, and make sure that OUSD can keep excellent teachers here in the district.

Fewer, Larger, Better Resourced Schools

The Blueprint for Quality Schools initiative, a comprehensive strategy to shrink the District's footprint and provide quality schools in every neighborhood, is integral to building out the Community of Schools policy. This initiative calls for OUSD to have fewer schools that receive an abundance of resources to support students.

A More Equitable District for All Children

Strengthening District oversight of local charters will help OUSD hold these schools accountable, and better address inequities between all district-run schools. OUSD families will receive information about all school options to meet the needs of their child, ensuring quality and equity for every child.

Building on Our Achievements

More students are graduating, more students are reading at grade level, and fluency among English Language Learners is increasing. We have the chance to build momentum where OUSD is already seeing progress, and open doors for new achievements across the District.

OUSD PROGRESS: BY THE NUMBERS



The four-year graduation rate has been steadily growing, with the largest ever single-year increase from 65.7% in 2015-16 to 70.7% in 2016-17. The district's most current graduation rate (2017-2018) has climbed even higher to 73.5%.



The number of students in computer science courses grew by a staggering 526 percent (685 in 2015-16 to 3,606 in 2018-19).



Fluency among English Language Learners increased from 11.2% in 2016-17 to 14.3% in 2017-18.

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